



United Methodist Church of the

Good Shepherd

Church Council – Tuesday, June 22, 2010

I. Call to Order / Opening Prayer / Welcome

II. Devotion/Scripture

" I urge you, people of *Good Shepherd*, as we live in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus (whose coming in power will judge the living and the dead), to preach the Word of God. Never lose your sense of urgency, in season or out of season. Prove, correct, and encourage, using the utmost patience in your teaching. For the time is coming when people will not tolerate wholesome teaching. They will want something to tickle their own fancies, and they will collect teachers who will pander to their own desires. They will no longer listen to the truth, but will wander off after man-made fictions. As for you, people of *Good Shepherd*, stand fast in all that you are doing, meeting whatever suffering this may involve. Go on steadily preaching the Gospel and carry out to the full the commission that God gave you. " 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (paraphrased)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

IV. Reports

A. Administrative Committees:

Staff-Parish
Trustees
Finance – 2009 Audit results
Education – (report attached)
Nursery
CDO
CIA
Renovations
Nominations/Lay Leadership
Youth Council
Young Adult Council

B. Ministry Areas:

Nurture
Outreach
Witness
Prayer

C. Staff

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

NOTE:

- Minutes of all committee meetings will be filed in the church office, posted on the church web site, and e-mailed to all Council members.
- Each permanent committee has been assigned a member of the church council who will serve as a liaison.
At each council meeting, there will be an opportunity for council members to report on:
 - Major events that their committee has scheduled
 - Recommendations that will need council approval.

Education Report for Nurture & Church Council 6/22/10

Children's Ministry

- **Movie Month** began May 30th and will continue thru July 4 for children's Sunday school. This change provides opportunity for fellowship; something new for children; and a break for teachers.
- June 16th the Children's Ministry took a "**field trip**" to the Okla. Children's Theatre to see a play performed by children for children (4 adults/7children). Great to see children sharing their gifts!
- June is a busy month of camping! **Sonshine Camp** (1st/2nd graders at Canyon on June 12-13) 6 adults/7 children attending. **Joy Camp** (3rd-5th graders at Canyon on June 11-13) 2 adults/8 children attending. THIS WEEK: **Growin in Grace** (3rd-5th graders at Canyon on June 21-23) one adult/ 7 children attending. **Tweens** (6th graders at Canyon on June 21-25). Traci Reimer is the camp dean and we have 3 adults/4 children attending. Thanks church for providing support for camp!
- **VBS** will be held during the day the week of July 19-23. Traci Reimer/Gina Delaney are co-directing. The Wish Tree and T-shirt fundraisers were successful. It's not too late to volunteer (youth and adult)! If you're interested, contact Traci Reimer.
- **VBS** children will sing for children's moment on July 25th at all three services.
- Communicating with existing teachers about their future plans and fall curriculum. Also, seeking new teachers of children's Sunday school.
- "**God and Me**" the first series of the P.R.A.Y program (previously called God and Country) was completed on May 5th with 9 children 8 adults graduating. These children/families are learning to follow the example set by Jesus found in scripture, he "grew and became strong, he was full of wisdom, and God's Blessings were upon him." (Luke 2:40) The children/mentors were recognized during worship on May 16th. (Leaders: Micah & Candice Parker, Cathy Childers)
- Plans in the making for the second series of the P.R.A.Y. program called "**God and Family**". Tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall.
- The newly reorganized "**Children's Praise Choir**" sang during all three services on Mother's Day, May 9th. The choir is taking a short break during the summer months and will resume in the fall. (Leaders: Cara Adams, Barbara Gray, Nanci Johnson)
- Plans beginning for a "**Back to School Bash**" and "**Back to School Blessing**" tentatively scheduled for August 22nd or 29th.

Youth Education:

- One youth **SS** teacher considering retiring, exactly the same week another person comes forward saying they want to teach Sunday school. God is good! Discussions underway.
- **Chrysalis** — Girls Flight June 3-6 was successful with 31 girls attending from around the state. The Boys Flight has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend. *"Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love"*

Adult Education:

- We have a very dedicated group of **SS** teachers. Send them a note of encouragement and thanks!
- Disciple I (Pastor Jeff) ended in May with 12 graduates. Pastor Jeff will be teaching **Disciple I** again after Labor Day (Sunday evenings).
- Plan to offer another Disciple study in the fall. **Seeking teacher.**
- Lynn Bateman plans to teach "Serving from the Heart: Finding Your **Spiritual Gifts** and Talents for Service" on Sunday evening in the fall.
- Discussing Dave Morgan teaching "**Basic United Methodist Beliefs**" in the fall on a week night.
- Discussing with Glenda Bitner another **marriage class**. Looking at "Making Love Last a Lifetime" by Adam Hamilton.
- On-going discussion about a **week day Bible study** located at the church.
- **Emmaus** weekends: Men's Walk July 8-11 we have Dave Morgan, Mark Bye and Mike Ryder as leaders. Women's Walk July 22-25 we have Jill Blevins, Cathy Childers, Patti George, & Nancy Huges as leaders. *"The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through development of Christian disciples and leaders. The experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion."*

Misc PROJECT Transformation needs volunteers to read with children same week as VBS July 19-23 from 10AM to noon. Interested? Contact Cathy

Adult Ed. Goals

- Twice a year have focused Sunday school topic: Stewardship and/or Lent and/or Advent
- Twice a year offer Spiritual gifts class.
- Offer Disciple I and Disciple ___ and/or Jesus in the Gospels and or Companions in Christ series.
- Plan a life skills session/event (stress management/anger management/immunizations/caring for ages parents/etc.) to work in conjunction with children events.
- Parenting &/or Marriage class once a year
- Someone to coordinate teacher appreciation (small or large)

Other Possible Future Offerings:

- "Fearless" by Max Lucado — encouraging people to trust God instead of fear ruling our lives (job losses/economic downturn)
- Equipping Church (round 2) with Pastor Jeff